



Preparedness News and Information

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NATIONAL NEWS

[Most Not Prepared For Attack](#)

USA Today, March 31, 2004

Many Americans remain unprepared for terrorism attacks, a new USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll shows.

[GAO Finds Emergency Plans Lacking](#)

Boston.com News, March 31, 2004

According to a GAO [report](#), many Federal agencies have not developed adequate plans to ensure the continuity of government services in the event of a variety of scenarios, including terrorist attacks.

[FEMA's New On-Line Course Helps Officials With Environmental And Historic Preservation Issues](#)

Geo Community, March 31, 2004

FEMA has established a new online independent study course to help officials with environmental and historic preservation issues.

[Censored Study on Bioterror Doubts U.S. Preparedness](#)

New York Times, March 29, 2004

Declassified sections of a recently-released Pentagon report written on the 2001 anthrax attacks maintains there are weaknesses in "almost every aspect of US biopreparedness and response."

CONGRESS

HEARINGS

- [To hold closed hearings to examine aviation security](#), Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, Aviation Subcommittee, March 30, 2004.
- [To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for border security and enforcement and immigration services](#), Senate Appropriations Committee, Homeland Security Subcommittee, March 30, 2004. [Testimony](#).

STATE AND LOCAL ACTIVITIES

[State Receives \\$44 Million From Feds for First Responders](#)

NWITimes.com, March 31, 2004

Indiana has received funding from the Department of Homeland Security to support the state's newly-developed homeland security strategy.

[Official Happy With Blowout Response](#)

Carlsbad Current-Argus, March 31, 2004

The county emergency response plan put into action in response to an oil well fire three weeks ago was a robust test of the county's response capabilities.

Homeland Security Awards Denver \$8.5M

Denver Business Journal, March 30, 2004

The DHS Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) has awarded Denver more than \$8.5 million to enhance the city's overall security and preparedness.

Governor Granholm Announces Grant to Help Schools Enhance Homeland Security Preparedness

Michigan.gov, March 30, 2004 (<http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-21974-89703--,00.html>)

The State of Michigan will assist public schools throughout the state in upgrading their preparedness plans with help from an \$8.2 million grant.

NCCC Gets State OK for 'Emergency' Program

Buffalo Business First, March 30, 2004

In response to a need to train emergency responders, the Niagara County Community College has developed a program in emergency management.

First Emergency Response Class Completes Course Here

Greene County Online, April 1, 2004

Greene County's first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has completed its first training course, culminating in a series of disaster response exercises.

Feds Fork Over \$53M for Security

Tucson Leader, March 31, 2004

Phoenix will be the recipient of \$12.1 million as part of the DHS Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). The funds will be used to supplement a \$2 billion grant awarded to the state in 2003.

\$35M Federal Grant to Aid Anti-terror Work

The Post and Courier, March 30, 2004

The Department of Homeland Security announced the grant of \$35 million to help South Carolina bolster first response efforts and reimburse the state and local government for associated homeland security costs.

Downingtown East Scene of Emergency Preparedness Drill

Downingtown Ledger, April 1, 2004

School district officials, as well as police, fire, and emergency medical services tested area response plans in a drill simulating a school fire.

April Declared Disaster Preparedness Month

MSNBC.com, March 31, 2004

In line with the theme "Get Ready Guam," The Governor of Guam, Felix Camacho, declares April to be Disaster Preparedness Month.

RELATED INFORMATION

REPORTS

- [Continuity of Operations: Improved Planning Needed to Ensure Delivery of Essential Government Services](#)

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